Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are you levying tolls calculated on the distance travelled?

Mr. President : That question does not arise.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know the total amount of money that has been spent on this road from the time the road was originally laid up till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Can I take that it amounts to lakhs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It must be 2 or 3 lakhs.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is cattle responsible for the damage caused to this road? The last sub-division (v) refers to the Cattle Trespass Act. What has cattle to do with the damages to this road?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I just wanted to know the number of convictions.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know the number of estate owners there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The total extent is given there. Nearly 4905 acres. The area under plantation is 1484 acres.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, May I take it that the area there is exhausted by a few rich estate owners?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief-Engineer):* It is a matter of opinion.

MACHAD-ALUR ROAD—EXTENSION TO MATTAM

131. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to mention.—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received a letter dated 28th August 1941 from the president of the public meeting held in St. Joseph's school, Allur, forwarding a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting, relating to his Department;

(*b*) what action has been taken with reference to the opening of the Machad—Alur Road up to Mattam contained in the resolution forwarded to him;

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(*c*) whether the request has been sanctioned; and if not,

(*d*) whether they are still under the consideration of Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) A letter dated 12th June 1941 forwarding copy of the resolution of such a public meeting has been received.

(*b*) This road has been included in the list of road works to be considered by the present Road Board.

(*c*) No. It will be considered in the next Road Board meeting to be held shortly.

(*d*) This will be considered by Government after the approval of the Road Board.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Now it is stated that it is on a resolution that the Government has taken action in this matter. May I know whether there was any recent circular to the Heads of Departments that communications in the nature of resolutions need not be attended to.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief-Engineer):* No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are the Government denying that they have not sent a circular to the Heads of Departments asking them not to take action on resolutions forwarded by Presidents of public meetings?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We do not generally act upon resolutions alone.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* When was this rule enunciated?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Very recently.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether they have any objection to place a copy of that circular on the table of the Council?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have not got a copy here.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Why did the Government issue such a circular?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Does it arise out of this question, Sir?

Mr. President: It does not arise.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It arises, Sir. It was stated here that the matter was brought to the Government

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by means of a resolution passed at a public meeting. Now I understand that very recently they have circularised that no action need be taken on resolutions.

Mr. President: You are on a separate subject which has no bearing on this question.

KERALA KALAMANDALAM—AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

132. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any audit of the Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthi has been made after the assumption of management of that institution;

(*b*) whether the accounts of the Kalamandalam relating to the period when it was a registered association have been audited;

(*c*) whether Government are in a position to place before the Council a statement of assets and liabilities of this institution at the time when its management was assumed by Government;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to print and place their statement on the table of the House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) Yes. An audit of the accounts of the Institution from its start to the date of assumption by Government has been conducted.

(*b*) Yes, as explained above.

(*c*) A provisional statement of assets and liabilities which is subject to further investigation as to the realisability of assets in full is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

(*d*) Vide answer to (*c*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether any scrutiny of the assets and liabilities were made by the Government before the assumption of management of the Kalamandalam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Do you ask whether a preliminary audit was conducted?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Yes.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No, Sir.

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